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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
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OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN  
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 Seoul, Korea.

**DR. BROWN, REC'D**  
 December 16, 1927.

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Dr. A. J. Brown,  
 156 Fifth Ave.,  
 New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:-

The Executive Committee of the Chosen Mission, met in Taiku, December 1-6, 1927, and recommended to the Mission the four V actions, 710-713 inclusive, which I enclose. These are now being circulated for the vote of the Mission but I thought that I had better send you word in regard to them now, particularly in view of the last one which concerns Dr. Moffett's furlough.

To take them in order, V-710 concerns ~~the use of the proceeds of the sale of property in Seoul station.~~ This sale was made some weeks ago. Perhaps you will remember low-lying fields that lay to the east of the Yun Mot Kol ridge, between that and the road. These fields were originally given by Mr. L.H. Severance as an athletic field for the John D. Wells school. However, later another gift made possible a better athletic field and so these fields were never used as an athletic ground but have simply been rented year by year as garden plots and the proceeds have been used by the John D. Wells school.

Last year the Mission passed Executive Committee action #V-694, asking the Board to allow Seoul station "to sell certain low and now unneeded pieces of land on the Yundong Compound, and apply the proceeds to the deficit in the John D. Wells school and in the Chungsin School." Part of this property was sold last year and the money so applied. However, the larger part of the fields were not sold until this fall. The road along the edge of this property is being widened and property has increased in value so that when it was sold it brought in a total of Y-19,595, out of which we felt should be taken taxes that had to be paid by us before the land was sold, return of rent money to the gardener who had rented the fields and money for rebuilding houses for two servants that were on the field sold. This left a balance of Y-18,356.

The Executive Committee had this matter before it in September, just at the time the sale was being consummated and again when we met in Taiku. In September, the committee asked Seoul station first to suggest items for the use of the money on which we were to secure the judgment of the Mission Property Committee before making recommendations to the Board. Seoul station did this and submitted the list to the

Property Committee, which the Property Committee considered and reported back to the Executive Committee. However, we found that there was considerable differences of opinion between Seoul Station and the Mission Property Committee, and also there were a great many items suggested for which this money might be used. The Executive Committee therefore felt that the best thing to do was simply to recommend at this time the use of monies concerning which both Seoul station and Mission Property Committee were agreed and to leave the balance for recommendations to be made at Annual Meeting. ~~In accordance with this decision~~ we are recommending payment of Y-500 for the installation of a telephone for Mr. Genso, Y-3,000 to be held as an endowment for the John D. Wells school and Y-5,000 for the repair of Dr. J.S. Gale's house. The item of Y-500 for installation of telephone was approved at the 1927 Annual Meeting but no money was found for it. This telephone has probably already saved at least this amount of money for the Board because by its use Mr. Genso is very often able to secure better rates of exchange on drafts that he has to cash. In addition to this, it saves him a good many trips into the city which always took an hour or more.

The second item, we all felt was fair to the John D. Wells school inasmuch as it had had the rental from the fields for many years and to cut that off now would be a serious financial embarrassment. Indeed, Mr. Koons has felt that were the request to be made, probably the Severance family would want the John D. Wells school to receive the benefit of the entire sum of money that has been received from this sale but of course he has not asked for that.

W In regard to the third item, although the repair of the Gale house was not on the Mission Property Docket, both the Mission Executive Committee and the Property Committee, as well as Seoul station, feel that this is an emergency. Before Dr. Gale returned to America, he felt that he could never spend another rainy season in the house whose roof particularly, leaks everywhere. Some of the walls, too, are in very bad condition. When Dr. Gale returned to America, ~~we were not sure that there would be a family to occupy that house but now that Dr. Pieters has come to Seoul to live it is felt that it must be repaired at once to put it in condition for him.~~ If it goes even a few years longer it probably will have to be torn down entirely and rebuilt but the Mission Property Committee and Chinese contractors have made estimates for the work to be done which can be covered by Y-5,000. We hope therefore that the Board will approve of the expenditure of these three items and that it will allow the Mission to wait until Annual Meeting to make recommendation for the expenditure of the balance. There are many needs both in Seoul station and in the Mission at IAPG and this sum of money will go a long way towards clearing off a number of items on our Property Docket.

In regard to V-711-712, I need make no comment at present but will send both you and the Board of Christian Education word as soon as I know the result of the vote on the recommendations.

In regard to V-713, as you probably know the International Missionary Council has very heartily agreed that Dr. Moffett should be

co-opted as a member of the Jerusalem Council and as I have already informed you, it seems to us that it is essential that Dr. Moffett should go if the Presbyterian work is to be at all adequately reported. Dr. Moffett says that the International Missionary Council appointed Dr. Moffett "on the ground of his long, rich and successful experience in helping to build one of the largest and strongest indigenous churches." We all feel very anxious that Dr. Moffett go to Jerusalem. Last Annual Meeting Dr. Moffett had only contemplated going to America for a short furlough and thought that he would go alone but now that he is going to Jerusalem, he feels that he would like to have his whole family enjoy a six months' furlough at this time. The difficulty comes in that money for travel expenses was not included in the 1927-28 estimates. It will be necessary for Dr. Moffett to leave here about the middle of February, which brings this expense into this year's expenditures but we hope that this may be allowed.

Also the Executive Committee recommended that inasmuch as this is Mission business of the highest order that the time Dr. Moffett spends in travel to and attendance upon the meeting, be not included in the time of his furlough. We hope that the Board will allow this also. Dr. Moffett will have been on the field five years by February 28, 1928.

I have no doubt but that all of these recommendations will pass and I will send you word as soon as they do with a reference to this letter

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon Holdcroft*

P.S. I have a copy of the Mission Summary Report for the General Assembly, U.S.A. but it needs revision before being sent on. Hope to get it off within a few days.

*Gordon Holdcroft*

MYERS CLINIC  
815 Shukert Building  
KANSAS CITY, MO.  
December 20, 1927.

Mr. Charles Moffett.  
311 Seminary St.  
Wheaton, Ill.

My dear Charles:

The examination we made of you physically on Sept. 20, 1927, may be of some interest to you in a historical way and a matter of information to you and to your parents and uncle.

You came to us giving us a history of having had a severe infection of some type when you were a little child, about two or three years old, and of having had an incision at that time for some type of cervical abscess. Following this apparently there has been definite disturbances in the position and posture of the right shoulder. In 1925, your history noted a scarlet fever, following which there was apparently no examination of the urine, to see whether there was any nephritis, though there has been apparently no marked symptoms of any illness. While Dr. Totten of Madison, made his physical examination of you, before your entrance to college, when albumin was found in your urine, your history states that you have not been perfectly well since the summer of 1927.

When you came to us, you complained of headaches, beginning three or four days before your entrance to Park College and every day since, up to the day of your examination; had little appetite; but generally o.k., except for the headaches, but got tired when climbing stairs; had lost three or four pounds since coming to college, that is within two or three weeks. The headaches were of the frontal type, had not had fainting spells; normally no ear, nose or throat trouble. Had one dead tooth. There was no history of lung trouble of any type, but occasionally palpitation of the heart on exercise, though there was no pain, swelling of the feet, dizziness or fainting sensation. So far as the stomach is concerned there was a history of gas on the stomach, but no pain. The diet ordered by the doctor some weeks before—meat and eggs free—may have been responsible, somewhat, for the loss of weight. There has been some constipation; no urinary disturbances and no illness, except as mentioned above.

Weight—151 pounds. Standard weight for age, sex and height—168 pounds. Posture—somewhat stooped, the right shoulder falling forward and the muscles definitely atrophied; large boned, particularly the hands and feet. Hands when pendulous have the peculiar color of red to slightly cyanotic tinge, rather suggestive of a neuro-circulatory asthenia. There are no evidences of edema, jaundice, or joint or gall bladder disturbances. The thyroid is not enlarged to any appreciable extent. The eyes react readily to light and accommodation. There is no nystagnus. The fundi are negative. The nose is a little deflected, no evidence of sinus trouble. The ears are negative and also the mastoid region. The tonsils are out. There is one dead tooth, which has been X-Rayed with no evidence of apical abscess. The spine is negative. Fluoroscopic examination and routine physical examination of the chest show no evidence of trouble.

Charles Moffett.

12/20/27.

Blood pressure is 140/75. Heart sounds are strong, no murmurs heard. Blood pressure on another occasion was 130/100. There is no evidence of pathology in the abdomen on physical examination. The urine at this time shows no sugar, a trace of albumin and slightly acid--1022 specific gravity. There are a few pus cells with an occasional erythrocyte. Another examination on another day shows no albumin present, no sugar, a few pus cells and occasionally a pus cast. The white blood count ranged between 12,900-14,300 on two different days. The polymorphaneuclearleukocytes are about 70 to 72. The Wasserman reaction was negative, as was also the Kahn test.

Study of the case would indicate that the trouble with the shoulder would date back many years, probably to the origin of the abcess of the neck, when the nerves of the neck were injured by the scar formation caused by the abcess, causing definite weakness of the shoulder muscle of the right arm. It would seem that exercise should be advised, particularly exercise that would develop the muscles of the right side. If it were at all possible to play tennis with the right arm it would be an advantage. Perhaps corrective exercises may be secured from your physical director.

It would seem from the case in general that your disturbances are associated with a syndrome that is sometimes the cause of neuro-circulatory asthenia. This is perhaps, not a matter of serious nature and would not advise that you take this too seriously. The heart seems to be normal, at the time of this examination and your blood pressure not far from normal. For the albumuria recently disclosed and found only on two tests negative, we have made no change in your diet. Would advise however, for the blood pressure, a diet low in salt and that the white blood count and blood pressure be watched and checked from time to time. In other words, we have not found anything about your condition that is serious, but believe that care on your part, may manage them without any complication.

Will you kindly send a copy of this letter to your father and assure him that my idea of your not entering vigorous athletics was because of your heart and kidneys and that too strenuous exercise might not be of definite service to this condition. You remember however, that I did suggest that the playing of tennis should be played not with the desire to win, so much as the desire to develop the muscles on your right side. I rather regret that you did not state in your letter, how you are feeling. I have been fortunate, however, to hear from you through your friend Dr. George McCune and assure you that I am glad that you are so nicely located there in Wheaton and am delighted to know that the glasses have corrected your headaches.

With very best wishes to you and in hopes that I may sometime meet your father and find as affable as your uncle, who passed through here recently, I am

Fraternally and sincerely

W. A. MYERS, M. D.

To S. M. Miffitt  
854 Illinois Ave.  
Lynn, S. D.

Pyeong Yang, Korea  
Dec. 26 1927

My Dear Boys: This has been a great Christmas for  
all of us although we had thought we should  
not have much of a Christmas as we struggle on and very  
poorly for a home. However they both pronounce  
it one of the best Christmas celebrations they have had  
and are rejoiced over the gift of a horse and  $\frac{1}{2}$  each  
for pocket money on their way to Europe. The Korean  
bell Christmas began on Thursday night when the  
postman brought two art letters - one from Cash & you  
each enclosing other letters which are really a half dozen  
letters from you - and letters with such good news in them  
that I had had a Christmas one since  
I am greatly rejoiced and now deeply thankful for that  
Jamil has won the victory and was made up his studies.  
That puts new life into all of us and we face the  
future with confidence. His own right-heartedness  
the victory leads to the decision that "never again"  
will he allow himself to fall behind in a unit but  
Christmas present to that Charles likes it at Wheaton  
and that he is doing so well. There were great goals  
had to report and now if wealth keeps up and he overcomes  
the physical difficulties so that he can get back into tennis

again all things will take on a more cheerful  
color for us all.

Friday we had Community, Christmas celebration - in  
two 9 o'clock - the "hoopers" and the non hoopers  
dividing according to whooping cough conditions.

We were with the "hoopers" since all three four  
boys are getting over the cough - still coughing some  
but not so severely as a week or two ago.

For the first time I was Santa Claus at both  
houses - the lady house formerly D. Holdcraft and at  
the Roberts' house. Tommy did not know me at all  
and thought Santa Claus was fine.

After the tree we all went to Hills for supper  
and then back home to fill stockings and chairs.

We celebrated Christmas on Saturday and that morning  
Tommy was so excited and how he did enjoy his  
chair full of things. Sam & Howard were about  
as much excited. They will write what they got.

This is a good thing your presents are to some rate  
again as they will enjoy them all the more.

We had a quiet time all day Christmas - covered with  
and the tree looks so cool and nice the green children  
this year on account of the whooping cough - but it made  
up their pockets - first with candy and paper and such

then to them.  
... on the night a big table a near full table for each  
of the boys - and said she would like to meet you one to

where else I can on the way - such as  
Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis &c &c. I want to go to  
those three cities I know.

Of course I expect to get to Madison to see Jamie  
graduate. I want him to go with me to Minneapolis  
here in will see Cousin Emma - & she is there  
that time. May see Allen Clark also.

Dr McCune will not reach here until March - some  
time after I leave, so will not see him unless our  
leaves start at same time together.

You may well know I am busy - but how  
glad I will be to get away for awhile and then to  
come back and find Dr McCune meaning things  
so that I can take record place and help instead  
of having to run everything & write but this will have  
to be all sorts of things  
to do in this time.

Lots of love to both of you and greetings to all your  
friends - mine. Haven't met but who are  
to you.

I will find you in love. I will meet!!  
Only a few more months and I will meet!!  
Love's Father.

This goes to Jamie - to be sent on  
to Charlie.



For boys also.  
Sunday we had a good quiet day - the excitement  
all over and a chance to rest.

Then this morning came another batch of good letters  
from both of you. Sam's two letters of Dec 5 & 6 came  
together - reaching here the 26<sup>th</sup> - that was certainly in  
good time.

My! how I have rejoiced in the good news letters and  
the frequency of them. What good news they bring also.  
I don't be able to comment much on them in this  
letter but will later.

Wish you might have been together as Christians but  
rather think Charles decided wisely about going to  
Madison.

We have secured passage on a French steamer the  
D'Arignan leaving Kobe Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. That means  
we will have about ten days in Egypt before I go  
on to Jerusalem and then go on to Naples or Marseille  
and thence to Rome - where I will join you after  
the Conference.

After you receive this you will have to direct  
our new letters to me Care of Cook & Sons,  
Port Said Egypt - and then it will be only a  
few months before I see you.

And we definite word about your date for close of  
said year - Commencement date and all others. Then I  
can make my plans so as to fit into both and take in

P. 4. Dec. 28 '27

Dear J-  
This is in order to say  
something, and forgotten several  
times.

You should plan to get a  
chance to vote for President next  
November - so should decide  
upon your residence - probably  
Madison Ind - and if possible  
register to vote in advance  
so as to have a right to vote.  
Your vote may be needed to defeat

H. Smith.  
Power with some one who knows  
and take other steps now.  
Present this to your entire house  
in my collection of hat cards.  
I had a fine Christmas  
and very happy -  
- other.

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